

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

By Tracy

A RESOLUTION to honor and applaud Head Coach Thomas McDaniel and the Oakland High School football team on capturing the TSSAA 5A State Championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Thomas McDaniel, the Oakland High School football team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2008 season, establishing a record of fourteen wins and only one loss and winning the BlueCross Bowl Class 5A State Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland football team rolled through the playoffs on their way to the state title game, displaying their Herculean nature along the way; they prevailed over Warren County by the score of 31-14, dominated Cookeville 28-7, handled inter-county rival Smyrna in a hard fought contest 9-3, and walloped East Tennessee's Ooltewah Owls 35-0; and

WHEREAS, Oakland completed their amazing season by beating Franklin High School in the BlueCross Bowl by the score of 20-13, capturing the school's third state championship; and

WHEREAS, Oakland's victory marked the third straight year a Rutherford County school has prevailed over a Williamson County school in the title game; and

WHEREAS, the championship game was highlighted by the outstanding performances of running back Precious Valentine, who ran for 122 yards on twenty-eight carries, and fullback Sam Bass, whose stellar performance, scoring all three of Oakland's touchdowns and gaining 111 yards on fifteen carries, earned him Offensive Most Valuable Player honors; and

WHEREAS, the leadership and passion for the game of first-year Head Coach Thomas McDaniel and assistant coaches, Kris White, Matthew Gardner, Matt Snow, Doug Nickerson, Brad Cowan, Bryan Linnell, Matt Kriesky, Josh Harris, Glenn Suggs, Jereamy Anderson, and Kirk Bagley, are without peer; Coach McDaniel's precepts of playing tenacious defense, controlling the ball on offense with a strong running game, and limiting mistakes, were perfectly on display during the Patriots' run for the championship; and

WHEREAS, the young men of the 2008 Oakland High School football team have displayed ability, teamwork, and perseverance; Chanz Boyd, Trevor Hornsby, Xavier Norman, T. Mayberry, B.J. Nelson, Sam Bass, Joell Keeling, Darius McAdoo, Anthony Amey, Josh Wallace, Wesley Blissard, DeMarcus Scales, Phillip Dodd, Zach Barnes, Matthew Shaller, Brandon Messick, Jess Messick, Christian Adams, Jacoby Buchanan, Chris Crawford, Nathan Hunter, Buddy Mitchell, Deion Wade, Jordan Odom, Anthony Collier, Benton Hawks, Jarrod Hargis, Kameron Bond, Lorenzo Elder, Khalil Newman, Chris Johnson, Austin Boggess, Asa Bowman, Cori Crawford, Precious Valentine, Kevin Veals, Tyler Whitworth, Kody Brown, Lee Fox, Dre Frasier, Benjamin Johnson, Jacob Meyer, Chris Watkins, Sam Stephens, James Michel, Zach Cole, Ed Kilgour, Tony Sharp, Dustin Faulk, Devin Bradshaw, Darius Coffey, Telvin Hall, Chas Petrone, Thomas Debow, James Hill, Austin Murray, Caleb Ryan, Tyler Veron, Victor Salcedo, Nate Joines, Tim McAdoo, Tyler Walters, Bryon Potts, Tre Fletcher, Nick Fisch, Mathew Thomas, Chad Smith, Barry Smith, Tyler Moody, Dustin Hughes, Clint Spears, Jerry Blythe, Will Ashford, DeMarco Boykin, Ricco Summers, Connor Bates, Derek Barrett, Barton Henley, Ben Thompson, Will Pickle, Josh Wallace, Josh Barnes, Elias Smith, Angelo Gleaves, Will Walker, Demetrius Shelton, Ladarius Marable, Dustin Henry, Benedric Donald, Adam Arbit, Michael Benford, Michael Riley and Ethan Brown, with the help of their coaches, parents, and supporters, has represented their community and the State of Tennessee in fine fashion, displaying peerless character both on and off the football field; and

WHEREAS, during this incredible championship season, the members of the 2008 Oakland High School football team have etched their names onto the hearts of Tennesseans and into the annals of Tennessee sports history; their dedication, determination, work ethic, and

talent not only made possible a successful and memorable football season, but also surely point toward their successes in future endeavors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Head Coach Thomas McDaniel and the Oakland High School football team for their heralded success on the football gridiron and for capturing the 2008 TSSAA Class 5A State Football Championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.